(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which Government propose to make cut in the official expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) It is Government's constant endeavour to contain non-plan, non-developmental expenditure. It is in this context that, along with other measures, instructions to avoid wasteful expenditure are issued from time to time to all the Ministries/Departments. These measures include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses etc.

Commission on Government Expenditure

†1008. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the report of the Commission set-up to bring down expenditure of Government; and

(b) if so, the norms laid down by Government for bringing down expenditure of Government and by when these recommendations are proposed to be implemented alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The Expenditure Reforms Commission has submitted in all ten reports covering 36 Ministries/Departments besides four specific issues - Food Subsidy, Fertilizer Subsidy, Autonomous Institutions and Optimizing Staff Strength. The recommendations contained in these reports have been forwarded to the concerned Ministries/Departments for implementation and are at various stages of implementation. The impact of these recommendations on overall expenditure would be known only after these are implemented.

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